They Consider Not In Their Hearts That I Remember All Their Wickedness

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The Lord wanted to heal the nation of Israel, restoring them to a place of peace and blessing, but when He saw their sin, He couldn't. God's holiness will not allow Him to bless wickedness! God wants to continue to bless the United States today, as He has since its birth in 1776; but He cannot, because Americans commit sexual immorality, have abortions to murder their babies, curse in the Lord's name, commit idolatry (e.g., American Idol), worship statues of Mary (i.e., Catholicism), walk around naked in public, worship worldly celebrities, dirty magazines, casino gambling, drunkenness, greed, et cetera. God cannot continue to bless this mess!!!



Hosea 7:1-2, "When I would have healed

Israel, then the iniquity of Ephraim was discovered, and the wickedness of Samaria: for they commit falsehood; and the thief cometh in, and the troop of robbers spoileth without. And they consider not in their hearts that I remember all their wickedness: now their own doings have beset them about; they are before my face."

God sees everything. Hebrews 4:13, "Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do." Nothing escapes the eyes of God. The eyes of the Lord are upon the bad and the good. Proverbs 15:3, "The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good." God is full of mercy and goodness. We have a good God, but His patience won't last forever. God's judgment won't stay in remission forever toward America. We have tempted the hand of God for the past century, legalizing all manner of filth and wickedness. Only a fool would expect God to bless such an ungrateful, wicked and selfish generation.

Young people today only care about me, myself and I. There is no connection to faith or family. They only think and care about what they want, so they rob, pillage and kill to obtain it. This is true from the street gang punk to our nation's highest leaders. America's biggest problem is a breakdown of the family. We don't need bigger prisons or more police, we need better families. We are living in "perilous times" because people have become perilous (2nd Timothy 3:5)! These are dangerous times in which we live. This is a completely irresponsible and unreasonable generation. Women walk around clothed sensually and behave promiscuously, yet they are offended when

males ogle and harass them. Is it really that hard to figure out? People want to smoke cigarettes, but then sue their insurance company for refusing to pay for their cancer treatments. Wickedness abounds today!!!

Yet, God is so patient, kind and full of love, even for the worst of humanity...

Luke 6:35, "But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil."

God Remembers All the Wickedness

We are living in a Godless generation! I read a Scripture in the Old Testament today in Psalms 43:1, "Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation: O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man." The United States is an ungodly nation. God hears the cry of the blood from the 57,000,000 murdered babies! God hears the cry of the millions of victims of drunk drivers! God hears the cry of the homeless who are neglected and forgotten about! God hears the cry of the fatherless and the poor! God hears the cry of the blood from 1,455,590 murdered Iraqis! God heard the cry of Sodom, and He hears the cry from America! GOD WILL REMEMBER THE WICKEDNESS ON JUDGMENT DAY!!!

Do you think God has gone on vacation? Do you think God Who heard the cry of Abel's blood crying out from the ground in Genesis 4:10, has missed the cry of those 57,000,000 aborted innocent babies, whose blood cries out from bio-waste dumpsters all across America? Not a chance in the universe! That's what our text verse from Hosea 7:2 is teaching us... GOD DOES REMEMBER OUR WICKEDNESS!!!

The only escape is through the blood of Jesus... BUT YE ARE WASHED!!! 1st Corinthians 6:9-11, "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God." The blood of Jesus Christ washes our sins away (1st John 1:7).

Hebrews 8:12, "For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more." Hebrews 10:17, "And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more." You need to understand that there are two judgments in eternity—one for the unsaved and one for the saved:

- The judgment for the unsaved will be the *Great White Throne of Judgment* (Revelation 20:11-15).
- The judgment for the saved will be the *Judgment Seat of Christ* (2nd Corinthians 5:9-11).

If you are a born-again Christian, then you need never worry about going to Hell for your sins. God will not remember your sins as far as punishment is concerned. Christ paid your sin debt (and mine) on the cross with His broken body and shed blood!

God will deal with the sins of the unsaved as their eternal Judge. No one will escape God's wrath (Romans 5:9). Only the unsaved will appear at the Great White Throne of Judgment. God will deal with the sins of the saved as our heavenly Father. There is no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1).

You need to understand that there are two types of righteousness:

- <u>Imputed righteousness</u> Imparted to every believer by faith at the time of salvation. This is salvation. We are saved as Christians by God's imputed righteousness, which comes through faith alone in Christ's death on the cross, burial and bodily resurrection 72 hours later (Philippians 3:9; 1st Corinthians 15:1-4; Romans 10:3-4).
- <u>Practical righteousness</u> Living righteously in the Lord as a Christian. These are the good works that we do because WE ARE saved, not to BE SAVED (Ephesians 2:10). Adding works to faith is a road to Hell (Romans 3:20; Titus 3:5).

It is possible for a believer to have imputed righteousness without practical righteousness. This is the Christian who lives in willful sin. Certainly every Christian sometimes commits willful sin, which is why it should be obvious that *Lordship Salvation* is a false doctrine. What is Lordship Salvation? It is the false teaching that a person must not only receive Christ as their Savior; but also, they must receive Jesus as their "Lord" (i.e., boss, master) to be saved, so that they are willing to forsake the world, cease from sinful bad habits, surrender all to Christ and follow Jesus. None of these are the Gospel. These are all unbiblical additions to the simple plan of salvation, which is to believe the Gospel (Romans 1:16).

I've heard preachers errantly teach that Christians will never have to give account for their sins, because they were all cleansed away by Jesus' blood when they were saved. That is partially true. Romans 14:10-12 teaches that we must all be held accountable by God for our sins. Praise God that Jesus is every believer's attorney! Christians ought not commit sin, but we do at times, and thankfully Jesus is our Advocate (i.e., *Paraclete*, meaning, "one who runs to our side to help"). 1st John 2:1, "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." Now, no believer has a right to sin, but if we do (and we will because we are human), Jesus is our defense attorney. Psalms 103:12, "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us."

Christians Will Be Held Accountable For Their Bad Works

The Bible plainly teaches that Christians must give account in eternity for the good AND THE BAD done in the body. 1st Thessalonians 4:6 warns not to defraud one's brother or sister, because the Lord will avenge them. So we see that believers are not above reproach and chastisement by the Lord...

2nd Corinthians 5:9-11, "Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or

<u>bad</u>. Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences."

A believer is 100% safe in Jesus Christ because He died on the cross for our sins. God will never punish a believer for their sins. That is because Jesus took our place on the cross. Theologically this is called Christ's "vicarious" (substitutionary) death.

1st Corinthians 11:31, "For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged." This Scripture simply means that if we take care of the problem, then God won't have to. Many Christians are filled with bitterness, hateful toward others. God has to humble them. Many Christians borrow money, but never pay it back. God has to make them honest the hard way. Many Christians are stinking proud and need to be broken by God. I've been insulted by professed Christians, who refuse to apologize, yet I do good to them anyway, to overcome evil with good as Romans 12:21 teaches. I refuse to harbor hatred in my heart toward any human being. Life is too short to live with a burden of hatred. When you start to feel anger and bitterness toward others, think about the forming New World Order, and the coming of Jesus Christ, and the Judgment Seat of Christ. In other words, think big! If you continually focus on the big picture, then it becomes easy to let go of the little things that annoy and bother us so much. It's not worth it to worry, fret and steam over the little annoying things that people and family members do to mistreat us. Let it go my friend, and take it to a higher level, returning love for evil. There is no power like God's unconditional love. That's good preaching!!!

Most People Do Not Fear God, Evidenced by Their Sinful Living

King David in the Old Testament saw people committing wickedness, which convinced him that they did not fear God. Psalms 36:1, "The transgression of the wicked saith within my heart, that there is no fear of God before his eyes." God-fearing bornagain Christians today feel exactly as did David, discerning that pro-abortionists, homosexual activists and Hollywood have no fear of God before their eyes. They consider not in their hearts that God remembereth all their wickedness!!!

The official slogan adopted by the Las Vegas, Nevada, Chamber of Commerce is: "What HAPPENS in Vegas STAYS in Vegas!" There never was a bigger lie told my friend. As our text verse says in Hosea 7:2... "AND THEY CONSIDER NOT IN THEIR HEARTS THAT I REMEMBER ALL THEIR WICKEDNESS"!!! What HAPPENS in Vegas is RECORDED in Heaven! Nothing escapes the eyes of God. Hebrews 4:13, "Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do."

For the unsaved who die in their sins without faith in Jesus Christ, the Bible warns in Revelation 20:12, "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works."

For the saved who die in the Lord, the Bible teaches in 2nd Corinthians 5:10, "For

we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."

God Knows All Things, Even the Number of Hairs On Our Head

Did you know that God doesn't have to try to remember anything. God is omniscient, He KNOWS everything. God has a perfect memory because He is omniscient (all-knowing). That is absolutely amazing! The Bible says that God has named each and every star. God calls them by their unique names. Psalms 147:4, "He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names." The last time I checked, there were at least 70,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 stars in the known universe. [1] Other scientists have estimated the number of stars much higher. [2] One astronomer at Yale university estimates there are 300 sextillion stars in the universe. [3] The truth is that man simply doesn't know the total number of stars. That's more stars than grains of sand on all the beaches on the earth. Yet just one grain of sand contains more atoms than all the stars in the known universe! God is truly terwonderful!

Considering that God is able to keep tabs on over at least 70 sextillion stars in the known universe, I'm sure He still has the ability to remember the way we treat each other, our sins, our thoughts, our words, our attitudes, our good works and every tiny detail of our life . . .

Psalms 139:1-6, "O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether. Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it."

God knows everything about you, and me and everyone! There are an estimated 7 billion people living upon the earth. God keeps track of each person, even numbering the very hairs on our head (Matthew 10:30).

The Sin of Being At Ease On Zion

The Devil always tries to get us to focus on the moment, without thinking about the future consequences of our actions. In sharp contrast, God always tries to get us to think about what will happen if we don't obey Him. God warned Adam and Eve that they would die if they ate the forbidden fruit; but Satan told Eve she and her husband would immediately become "as gods" (Genesis 3:5-7). This earthly life is short, and then the judgment (Hebrews 9:27).

Dr. McGee rightly states, "We're a nation of Biblical ignoramuses! We do not know the Word of God today in this

land!" (Pastor J. Vernon McGee, *THRU-THE-BIBLE*, commentary from Hosea 4:1-2).

Amos, Hosea and Micah were contemporary minor prophets of the major prophet, Isaiah! Their ministries were to the north kingdom, warning the Jews to repent or face God's judgment. Hosea was to the northern kingdom, what Jeremiah was to the southern kingdom a century later. Amos was a preacher to the wealthy elite, who warned the rich rulers that they were "AT EASE ON ZION" (Amos 6:1). The Devil is working round-the-clock to steal, kill and destroy our churches, families and nation, while the average pastor is *at ease on Zion*. What does it mean to be, "at ease in Zion?"

In the eighth century before Christ, the prophet Amos was preaching to the wealthy elite of ancient Israel—to people of property, to people of reputation, to people of substance, to people of power. Amos preached during a time of unprecedented prosperity in Israel. The book of Amos speaks of beds of ivory, fine wines, couches, luxurious ointments, vacation homes, summer palaces, et cetera. The elite of Israel were secure (so they thought) in their comforts and prosperity, thinking they must be pleasing in God's eyes. They looked at their business associates. They looked at their friends. They looked at their social acquaintances. They were all wealthy. They were all comfortable. They were all, as Amos 6:1 says, "at ease in Zion."

Sadly, this is where our big churches are at today, at ease in Zion, spoiled and complacent. I honestly don't blame most people for not wanting to attend churches these days, What's the use if they don't preach? Apostate churches associate God's blessings with the size of their attendance and how many friends they have. John 12:43, "For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God." I would rather tell the truth and have God as my only friend, than to kowtow and dip-my-sails in compromise, going along to get along to please men. God sees all that we say, all that we think, and all that we do, it's all being recorded in Heaven.

Too many people take life very casually, as if nothing really matters. Hell and Heaven are real my friend. Spending eternity burning in Hell is a very serious matter, yet the average fundamental preacher doesn't preach on Hell every two years! Something is wrong! Do our churches really believe in a literal, burning, everlasting, Hell??? When's the last time that you heard a preacher pleading, hollering and crying from the pulpit for lost sinners to receive the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ before it was too late, and they plunged into the fires of Hell forever damned?

The Devil has deceived the world into believing that there is no literal place called Hell. Jehovah's Witnesses and Seventh-Day Adventists teach that Hell is only figurative, not a literal place. That is totally unbiblical. The Bible has more to say about Hell than it does Heaven! We read in the King James Bible God sees all the wickedness. bout the lake of fire and brimstone, and the bottomless pit. The world is going to Hell, while the churches are at ease on Zion. END

"Nobody can love God who doesn't love sinners!"

(a quote by Dr. Jack Hyles classic MP3 sermon, "The Happiest Man" (happiest is the man who will not impute sin to others!)

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